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PRESS RELEASE

Sussex Correctional Institution Holds Successful 'Toys for Tots' Campaign

A first-time venture in supporting the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve 'Toys for Tots' Program turned into an extremely successful endeavor for Sussex Correctional Institution (SCI) in Georgetown, as more than 100 new, unwrapped toys have been collected during the campaign, which started in November and runs until Friday, Dec. 14.

"Toys have primarily been donated by staff members, but we did have several visitors make donations as well," said SCI employee Donna Tregoe, who organized the campaign after listening to a radio program that highlighted holiday-based activities at a prison facility in Texas.

As part of the motivation to have employees participate, a decorated tree - adorned with ornaments created by offenders in SCI's Lifer's Group, as well as residents of the facility's Merit Building and participants in various art and special projects groups - encouraged people to donate a toy and take an ornament.

All of the toys collected will be distributed locally to help needy children experience the joy of Christmas.



Mike Brittingham (right), Deputy Warden at the Sussex Correctional Institution (SCI), helps SCI employee Donna Tregoe sort through gifts donated by employees during the recent 'Toys for Tots' Program held at the facility.